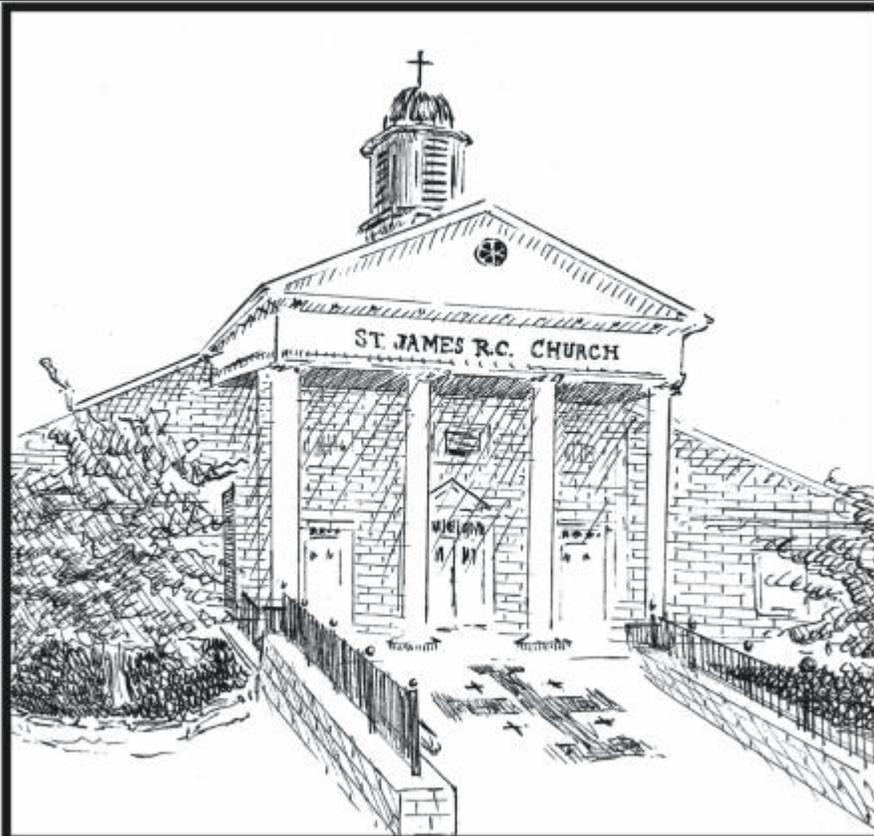


St. James R.C. Church
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent



429 Route 25A, Setauket, New York 11733-3829

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Faith Formation Office: (631) 751.7287

Email: parish@stjamessetauket.org

Website: www.stjamessetauket.org

Office Hours: M-F 9am-4pm (closed for lunch 12-12:30)

Sat. 9am-2pm

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only”

2020 Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of the Three Village area, formed as the Body of Christ through the waters of Baptism, are a pilgrim community journeying toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist and formed by the Gospel.

We strive to respond to Jesus' invitation: to be faithful and fruitful disciples; to be a Good Samaritan to (our) neighbor and enemy; stewards of and for God's creation and living witnesses of Faith, Hope and Charity ... so that in Jesus' name, we may be a welcoming community, respectful of life in all its diversities.

Weekday Masses

Monday – Saturday: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Youth)*

*live streamed & taped for viewing on our website and FB pages

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Family), 11:30am (Choir)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8:00am, 12 Noon

Special Needs Mass:

Second Saturday of the month at 1:00pm

Nocturnal Adoration:

First Friday of the Month, 7:30-8:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment

Rev. James-Patrick Mannion, Pastor

frjim@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 322)

Rev. Robert Scheckenback, Assoc. Pastor

frbob@stjamessetauket.org (ext. 320)

Dn. Louis and Mrs. Eileen Anetrella

Rev. John Fitzgerald, in residence

Rev. Mike S. Ezeatu, in residence (ext. 326)

Business Manager: Todd Bradshaw(ext.312)

Dir. of Outreach: Kathy Vaeth (ext. 313)

Dir. of Faith Formation: Louise DiCarlo (ext. 329) Admin. Asst. Joanmarie Zipman (ext. 328)

Finance Manager: Theresa Ellner (ext. 335)

Music Co-Director: Richard Foley (631) 806.1794

Music Co-Director: Miriam Salerno (516)

263.5173

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Ueli Laeng (631)941.4141

Parish Receptionists:

Megan Peters (M-F)

Nancy Gallagher (Fri and Sat) Cemetery Admin.

Parish Facilities Supervisor: Jeff Fallon

Please visit our parish website (www.stjamessetauket.org) for the latest parish information as well as weekly homilies and virtual weekly Masses. Visit the diocesan website (www.DRVC.org) for diocesan news and schedule of virtual Masses.



**Mass Intentions
for the week of
February 28, 2021**

Sunday, February 28

8am
9:30am
11:30am

Barbara Barron
Elizabeth Reardon (L)
Our parishioners living and
deceased, Marco Frajioli,
Douglas Carpenter,
Eduardo Jacildo

Monday, March 1

8am

Tuesday, March 2

8am

Wednesday, March 3

8am

Josephine Gallina

Thursday, March 4

8am

Friday, March 5

8am

Kathy Reid McCall

Saturday, March 6

8am

5pm

Frank Mazza
Our parishioners living and
deceased, William Chereb,
Doreen Jablonski,
Terrence Hobbes

Sunday, March 7

8am

9:30am

11:30am

Our parishioners living and
deceased
Nanci DiFazio
Adrienne Hubbs,
James Sheridan,
Bill McDonagh

*Thank you for giving of your time,
talent and treasure*

COLLECTION UPDATE

February 21, 2021: \$7,761+5,356 (FD) \$13,117
February 23, 2020: \$ 10,069

Please consider making your weekly donations on-line by enrolling at **faith.direct/ny997**.

Doing so enables our ministries to continue to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in our parish family as well as the larger community who have been impacted by COVID19 and related job losses.

E-giving simplifies your giving and provides consistent support to the parish. **To provide additional assistance, please select the "offset fee option" when setting up your donation, which will help reduce our expenses.**

If you require assistance with the process, please call the parish office (Tuesday 9am-1pm or Friday 9:30-12pm) and make an appointment with Megan or Nancy to set up your Faith Direct on-line giving account.

Enroll today at: www.faithdirect.net

For your continued generosity to St. James Parish of your time, talent and treasure, I offer my deepest appreciation. May God reward your generosity a hundredfold.

~ Fr. Jim



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Parish of St. James is pleased to provide a number of ways in which our parishioners can memorialize their loved ones. In addition to the celebration of a Mass in their name, parishioners are invited to consider a memorial donation of the bread and wine or altar flowers for the week. The name(s) of your loved one(s) will appear in the bulletin for that week.

In the rear of our church (25A side), near the statue of the Holy Family, you will find a set of candles that offers a top row that can be lit for one year, and holds a plaque showing the name of the person for whom the candle is lit. The offering for a memorial candle is \$250. Please stop by the rectory office or call 631.941.4141 during normal business hours when one of our secretaries will be happy to provide you with additional information on all of these memorial opportunities.



Pope's Intention for Evangelization

Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



*Welcome to the
Parish of St. James*

No matter your present or past status in the Catholic Church; **No** matter your current family or marital situation;
No matter your past or present affiliation; **No** matter your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed and accepted at St. James RC Church.

If you are new to the area, we invite you to choose St. James as your parish family.

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacraments

Baptism: Two Sundays per month at 1:30 pm.
Please contact the office after the fourth month of pregnancy to make arrangements.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the office at least nine months before your desired date.

Anointing of the Sick: By request

Pastoral Council: Mrs. Roni Groth, Mr. John Holownia, Mrs. Josephine Prokop, Mr. Fred Sawicki, Mr. Michael Vaeth, Mrs. Judi Wallace

Parish Finance Committee: Mr. Edward Gutleber, Chair; Mr. Todd Bradshaw (*Business Manager*) Mrs. Theresa Ellner (*Financial Manager*), Mr. Robert Freaso, (*Parish Trustee*), Mr. Thomas Powers (*Parish Trustee*), Mr. Matthew Berger, Mr. Christopher McGeever, Mrs. Judi Wallace

Prayer Opportunities

Nocturnal Adoration: First Fridays 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Recitation of the Rosary: Monday to Saturday after the 8am Mass

Ministries:

Alpha: Mrs. Roni Groth, Mrs. Barbara Jaeckel

Bereavement Ministry: Ms. Catherine Horgan,

Mr. Dennis Reardon (*please call 631.941.4141 x341*)

Camino Café Ministry: Mrs. Sallie Culloton, Mrs. Doreen Corrado

Choir: Mr. Richard Foley, Mrs. Miriam Salerno

Sat 5pm Teen, Sun 9:30am Youth, Sun. 11:30am Adult

Christ in the Marketplace: Mr. Jack Herr (*631.941.4141*)

CYO Board: Mr. Charles Arasi, Chair; Mrs. Samantha Bradshaw,

Mr. John Case, Mr. Michael (Mike) Specht,

Mr. Patrick (Pat) Tunstead

Eucharistic Ministry to Homebound Parishioners: Joan Murray
If you or anyone you know is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call 631.941.4141

Fertility Care Services: Helen McCarthy, R.Ph, PharmD, CFCPI
(*htmccarthy@optonline.net or 631.455.4137*)

Knights of Columbus, Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council #12006:

Grand Knight, Mr. Jack Simpson

Laudato Si Environmental Ministry: Mr. Robert Becherer

Liturgical Committee: Ms. Louise DiCarlo

Liturgical Ministries: EMHC-Mrs. Kathy Brown, Mrs. Mary Berretta

Readers: Mrs. Peggie McHugh Eletto

Altar Servers: Mrs. Judi Wallace, Peter Morelli, MD

Ushers/Greeters: Mr. Robert Freaso

Men's Monthly Breakfast Gathering: Mr. Tony Casale

Ministry of Consolation: Mrs. Carol Simco

Nocturnal Adoration: Mr. Eric Waxman (631) 689.9759

Our Daily Bread: (631)941.2731 ODB@stjamessetauket.org

Parish Bulletin and Website: Editor, Ms. Catherine Horgan

Contact rectory office 631.941.4141

Parish Liturgical Environment Committee:

Contact rectory office 631.941.4141

Pre-Cana Ministry: Mr. and Mrs. Diane and James Santangelo

Contact rectory office 631.941.4141

RCIA: Mr. Ueli Laeng *Contact the rectory office 631.941.4141*

Respect Life Committee of St. James: Mr. Eric Waxman

631.689.9759. *The Respect Life Committee will meet in the Parish Center each month (September – June) on Coffee Sunday*

after the 9:30 Mass

Rosary Altar Society of St. James: Mrs. Patricia Raptoulis at

631.473-3561

Spiritual Direction: Mr. Ueli Laeng *Please call the rectory office*

631.941.4141

St. James Rosary Makers: Mrs. Mary DiBenedetto 631.236.8899

St. James Vigil Ministry: Fr. Jim Mannion, Ms. Louise DiCarlo

Wedding Facilitators: Mrs. Maureen Denzler, Mrs. Chris Weisman

Women's Scripture Study: Mrs. Cathy Roberts SJA 631.689.2645



Parish Policy

Please be reminded that as a matter of policy, any and all events, conferences, meetings, plays, sporting events, fundraising efforts, etc. must have the expressed, written permission of the pastor (or his designee) before plans can be finalized. The parish is a legal entity with certain obligations that must be considered prior to approval of events. This includes the use of the name St. James in any way, shape or form, explicitly or implicitly. Contracts with outside vendors, speakers or service providers cannot be signed by anyone other than the pastor or his designee.



Join us in praying the Holy Rosary after the 8am Mass every 1st Saturday.

"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."
~Our Blessed Mother

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK of February 28, 2021

Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 1

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2

Is 1:10,16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 5

Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 6

Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday in Lent

In compliance with Diocesan policy from the Office for the Protection of Children & Young People, (516) 678.5800, ext. 573: If you suspect any child abuse, first contact Child Protective Services at (800) 342.3720 and then contact the Diocesan Hotline at (516) 594.9063. If you believe **someone is in immediate danger**, call Suffolk County Police at 911.



**Mother Teresa Council,
Knights of Columbus**

"If you can't feed a hundred people then feed just one"
~Mother Teresa



Take twenty minutes out of your day to pray the rosary and you will see the difference it will make in your life.



*Greetings from the St. James
Rosary Altar Society*

**GREETINGS FROM THE ST. JAMES
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**



JOIN THE KNIGHTS AT NO CHARGE!

If you are a Catholic gentleman 18 years of age or older, and accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the Precepts of the Catholic Church, and are recognized as in good standing within the Church, you are qualified to join the Knights of Columbus. Once you do, you will become part of an international organization that is known for its charitable work and is strongly united with the Church.

It is now easier than ever to join. If you join online by June 30th (www.kofc.org) the normal \$30 annual online fee will be waived by entering Promo-Code **MC GIVNEY2020**. **You will then be an online member.** Join now.



**LAST WEEKEND TO GET YOUR
RAFFLE TICKET BEFORE THE
FIRST MONTHLY DRAWING**



If you are 18 years or older, you may purchase a ticket in the Family & Friends Raffle. Tickets are available after Masses or at the parish office. Each ticket is valid for every monthly drawing, beginning in March and running through December, regardless of whether or not you have previously won a prize.

Fully *two-thirds* of the income is returned as prize money! Last year, we awarded 90 winners a total of \$14,750! Tickets are only \$30 (4 for \$100).

Raffle funds raised by the Council allow us to continue our charitable work including the purchase of new winter coats for needy children, helping to refill food pantries, assisting veterans and veteran organizations, supporting first responders and their families, helping widows and children, providing funds for children's hospital needs, promoting pro-life issues, and helping to support the parish.

As a practicing Catholic gentleman, if you'd like to get involved with our Council as a proud Knight, call Fred @ 631-751-7375 about joining this fraternal service organization, whose guiding principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Or, you may join the organization as an online member by visiting www.kofc.org



Loving God,

*During the sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to you.*

*Prepare a place in my home and
heart for silence and solitude, so
that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.*

*Help me to fast from those things that threaten the
well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of
simplicity.*

*Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in
so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and
generosity.*

*May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love
for and faith in you.*

Amen.

*To become a member of the Rosary Altar Society please
call Pat Raptoulis at: 631.473.3561.*

*"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only,
desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we
do." St. John Vianney*

On October 1, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York (the "Debtor") filed a petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York seeking relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor's Chapter 11 Case is pending before the Honorable Judge Shelley C. Chapman under Case No. 20-12345. The Docket can be accessed through the website maintained by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (<http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov>).

The Diocese has posted information on its website: <https://drvcreorganization.com>.

For additional information and inquiries about this case, please call the numbers listed below. U.S. and Canada based parties should use the toll free number below. International parties should use the non-U.S. number below. Toll Free US (888) 490-0633 ... Non US (503) 520-4459



"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for all members of the parish family, especially :

Elvira Aliota, Julia Balzarno-Maglio, Robert Banish, Mary Barretta, Alexander Beck, Roberta Brown, Glenn Buro, Keith Buro, Caroline Caggiano, Tony Casale, Michael Carpenter, Carol Cirillo, Brian Darmody, Camille DiCarlo, Arleen Gargiulo, Lauren Giordano, Emma Giuliano, Tom Giuliano, Caleb Hernandez, Nicole Juliano, Thea Kasper, Allan Krotz, Sr. , George LaBriola, Jr., Joseph LaRosa, Marty Lindblad, Mary Maio, Kayla Marianetti, Rudy Mazurczak, Diane McDonald, John McGarvey, Tom McHugh, Gianna Morelli, Brian Newman, Christine El Qadah, Gloria Ruppert, Rose Sangiamo, Debby Saunders, Linda Shannon, Brady Spennato, John Stone, Anya Vulpis, Adelaide Marie Wardrope, Christine Wall, Robert Whitcomb

May they and their families, have health, strength and peace in you, O Lord. Amen.



Pray for Our Military Personnel

Please remember in prayer all of the men and women from our parish and country who serve so selflessly in our Armed Forces.

Keep them, their families, friends and loved ones in prayer as they serve our country at home and on foreign soil.

*U.S. Marine Corp. 2nd Lieutenant Kyle Antonucci
U.S. Army, SPC Patrick Buckley, Afghanistan
U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Erika Holownia
U.S. Army Major Gregory C. Holownia, USA
U.S. Navy SHSN Quintin Lawrence Hurley
U.S. Army, PFC Brandon Leap
U.S. Sergeant Spec. Joseph Mandel, USA
U.S. Air Force SrA Sean T. Murray
U.S. Air Force Capt. Nicole Nowling
U.S. Army, Lt. Daniel Roberts
USMC 1st Lt. Brendan Rose, USA
USMC Lance Corp. Aeon Soler
U.S. Army Major Eric D. Waxman, USA*




In light of the public health emergency surrounding the COVID 19 outbreak, let us continue to pray to St. Raphael the Archangel:

Because you are the "medicine of God" we humbly pray to you to calm our fears and anxieties, and to grant healing to those suffering from the Corona virus; offer your protection and strength to those in the medical professions offering care to those so afflicted.

May we trust in the Lord, who is our Shepherd, as we walk through this valley of "fear and death", in this time of darkness. May we be anointed in the Spirit's love and ask that you always direct us in the way of peace, health and salvation. Amen.

Tune in to "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday mornings, 7:00am-8:00am on WBAB 102.3FM or 95.3FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

Next Sunday's theme (March 7) is "Renewal"




Help Wanted STREAMING LIVE

Throughout the pandemic, our parish has been able to "live stream" our weekend Mass and we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

We have been truly blessed to have parishioner Jim Townsend and his partner, Corey Arnold, (Bars and Tone Media Production) provide their services during this time. We have recently installed permanent cameras in the church which will facilitate our continued broadcasting capabilities.

This provides an exciting opportunity for members of our parish to learn the technology and become part of the team that makes this happen every week! No experience necessary—just a willingness to learn and to help St. James Parish. Ongoing training and support will be provided.

Contact Fr. Jim at 631.941.4141 ext. 322



Retrouvaille Weekend *You Can Help Heal Your Marriage*

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the *Retrouvaille* program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, May 7th, 2021**, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro *Retrouvaille* who can help.

Location:

Marriott Melville Long Island
1350 Walt Whitman Road
Melville, NY 11747

2021 LENTEN PROGRAM—A MESSAGE FROM THE ST. JAMES OUTREACH DIRECTOR

For a number of years our parish has participated in the CRS Rice Bowl program for Lent. This year we have decided to do something a little closer to home.

In 1997 several clergy from area congregations developed the ***Shalom Interfaith Project*** as a response to the growing needs of the community. Our parish has been a member of this program since its inception. It is one of a number of such programs in which St. James Parish participates.

Shalom Interfaith Project (SIP) participants (including a social worker who is available a few hours a month) conscientiously work in partnership with those who come to our churches/synagogues seeking assistance. Respecting the dignity of all who come to us is very important.

One of the biggest challenges on Long Island that we see is housing. I am sure this does not come as a surprise to anyone. We have seen an increase in families needing rental assistance. As always, we consider our help temporary as families work towards self-sufficiency.

We will be collecting funds for ***Shalom Interfaith Project*** specifically for temporary rental/mortgage assistance all during Lent this year. Envelopes will be located on all of the windowsills beginning on the weekend of February 20/21. Please make checks payable to St. James RC Church and note *Shalom Interfaith Project* (SIP) on the memo line.

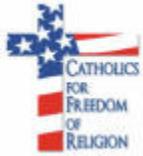
As always, we thank you in advance for your generosity. Of course if you would like additional information on SIP, please feel free to contact me.

Peace and God bless,
Kathy Vaeth
631.941.4141 ext. 313

SIP Members:

North Shore Jewish Center (PJS)
Temple Isaiah (Stony Brook)
Setauket Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church of Pt. Jefferson
Caroline Church (Setauket)

Unitarian Universalist (Stony Brook)
Mt. Sinai Congregational
Christ Episcopal Church (Port Jefferson)
St. James R.C. Church (Setauket)



Focus on Religious Freedom
www.cffor.org
Presidents Who Championed Religious Freedom

As Presidents' Day of 2021 passes, we should recollect and honor some Presidents who championed and protected Religious Freedom:

- George Washington** - "The establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive which induced me to the field ..."
- John Adams** - "Nothing is to be more dreaded than a national government meddling in religion."
- Abraham Lincoln** - "He from Whom all blessings flow, must not be forgotten."
- Ronald Reagan** - "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant, and the rule of law under God is acknowledged."
- Bill Clinton** - "Let us instead respect one another's faiths, fight to the death to preserve the right of every American to practice whatever convictions he or she has." ⁽¹⁾
- Donald Trump** - "Our republic was formed on the basis that freedom is not a gift from government, but that freedom is a gift from God."

Happening Now: The So-Called "Equality Act" Discriminates Against Faith & Freedom:

"Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity," wrote the U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB) but the soon to be voted on Equality Act "in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed." ⁽³⁾ It is a radical assault on religious liberty, the right to life and privacy rights and more accurately called the "inequality act."

Instead of respecting differences in beliefs and biology, marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would: "punish faith-based organizations such as charities and schools ..., force girls and women to compete against boys and men in sports, share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological men who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a 'public' place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs." ⁽⁴⁾

(firstliberty.org, 2/12/21(1); National Prayer Breakfast, Feb.2, 2017 (2); usccb.org/equality-act(3)(4); prnnewswire.com, 2/19/21; washingtonpost.com, 2/18/21; cnsnews.com, 2/19/21; adlegal.org/equality-act)

Be Silent No More!

Capital Switchboard 202-224-3121;
Representative's names at www.house.gov; Senator's names at www.senate.gov



Join us for a Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary
Presented by
Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, March 7, 2021
9:30am-3:30pm
"Journeying through Lent and through Life"

Msgr. Charles R. Fink, Rector, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

*Mass * Spiritual Reflections * Lunch * Stations of the Cross*
\$50 per guest (non-member of Friends of the Seminary)
Attendance limited to the first 100 registrants

Registration required; we regret we are unable to accept walk-ins at this event
In accordance with CDC and Suffolk County safety protocols, all attendees must wear face masks

For additional information and to register please contact:
bmalone@icseminary.edu; (631) 423-0483 x 102; www.icseminary.edu.



Dear Friends:

As we journey together through this Lenten season, let us call to mind all our brothers and sisters on Long Island who are in need. One of the ways we can assist our neighbors and the Church is through giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). For all of you who have given to the CMA in the past, I would like to say thank you. Your gifts have helped bring the loving face of Jesus to hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders.

Each year, the CMA creates pathways of faith that guide all people to our loving Father. This year, the CMA needs your help, more now than ever before, in our efforts to spread the Good News throughout Long Island. Last year was a challenge for everyone. As the pandemic surged through our Long Island community, pastoral care was expanded to those in need.

Catholic Charities programs expanded its food programs to seniors and our parish outreach programs remained open; the Education Department was able to provide internet service to families that did not have it so that children could continue their studies and parents could continue to work; Faith Formation, Young Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry programs were able to remotely bring the faith to God's people. All of this was accomplished because of your support and prayers.

We humbly ask you to please consider giving to the CMA so that we can make this year's Appeal grow substantially in gifts, so that everyone who comes to the Church for help may receive it.

Additionally, the CMA helps raise funds that help feed the poor, clothe the naked, and assist our veterans and people with disabilities. The CMA also assists women with untimely pregnancies who need assistance and seminarians who are following God's call to the priesthood.

Our parish will also receive a share of the funds if we reach at least 80% of our parish goal; the more money our parish raises, the more we will receive in rebates. These rebates are so essential to our parish, so we ask that you also think of your parish when you give the CMA.

During these 40 days, as we are called by our Lord to grow closer to Him through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the CMA allows us to practice the virtuous act of almsgiving and to spread the Good News within and beyond our parish.

Whatever you give, thank you for helping to create pathways of faith on Long Island. May God bless you, your family and this year's CMA.

Pax et bonum,
~Fr. Jim



**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS
AND DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET
AT ST. JAMES**

Join us on Friday's in Lent (March 5,12, 19 and 26)
to pray the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy
Chaplet, 2:30-3:15pm in the church.



**PLEASE HELP OUR FOOD
PANTRY!**

As the pandemic continues into it's second year, we find that more and more of our neighbors are dealing with "food insecurity". Your help is desperately needed to restock our pantry with the following items:

- 1 – 2lbs of white rice, cereal, instant oatmeal, jelly,
- spaghetti sauce, apple sauce, canned fruit,
- baby shampoo, shampoo and conditioner,
- pancake mix, syrup, toothpaste, black beans
- canned corn, mixed veggies, carrots, canned tuna,
- chicken, canned pasta, ramen noodle soup in bags,
- cans of coconut milk.



Theme 1: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The life and dignity of the human person is the first of seven major themes of Catholic Social Teaching, according to the United Conference of Catholic Bishops. Here is their description of that theme:

In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

- + *In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide.*
- + *The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty.*
- + *The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create “perfect” human beings.*

We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



February 17-March 28, 2021

HELP SAVE LIVES ON LONG ISLAND!

Join our 2021 Lenten Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. **40 Days for Life** is a life saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Diocese across Long Island starting February 17 and concluding March 28. **40 Days for Life** is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 18,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during **40 Days for Life** campaigns. To learn more about the campaign in our area, visit: www.40daysforlife.com or contact one of the following leaders:

Smithtown: Marie Baron 631.209.7548; 40dfsmithtown@gmail.com; 40daysforlife.com/Smithtown

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Thursday, March 11, 2021

Please mark your calendars...the next Parish Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held on *Thursday, March 11, 2021*

1:00 PM till 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

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If you should need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me; John Dahl :516. 768.5441

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to the following young members of our parish family who have been recognized by their schools for their academic achievements during the second quarter:



St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll

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Only in This Foolish World...do banks leave vault doors open and chain the pens to the counters..

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